

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



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To a DXer Happy Holidays means outstanding propagation blessed with many rare DX and a few new ones

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved “Top of the Honor Roll” status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow “Big Guns” or “Little Pistols”, you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

For real time DX spotting and lively conversation on a variety of subjects, join us on 144.415 MHz.

JANUARY PROGRAM

K6ZH, JIM PRICE, WILL SPEAK ON HIS and BUD's, N7CW, TRIP TO PERU TO OPERATE IN THE CQ WW CW CONTEST AS OC4CW

JANUARY MEETING NOTICE:

JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER

AERO DRIVE & MURPHY CANYON RD

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

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A Word from the Prez . . .

Dan Severance, N6ERD

Happy Holidays to all with many new ones
in your log

See everyone at the January Meeting

73, Dan, N6ERD

Vice President's Report

Wild Bill, WB6BFG



Greeting to all!

Thanks to Andre and Sally Hansen – K6AH for opening their home to host this year's SDDXC Christmas Party. Also to everyone that came out for the gala event, it was sure good to see you all! I hope that everyone that participated in the gift exchange got just what they wanted and congratulations to those that won the door prizes. I'd also like to thank those that came early and/or stayed late to help with the clean up!

Thanks also go to Ron Stockton for keeping the club's newsletter going for the past year. He sure has done a great job! Now if we could only get more club members to toss in bits and pieces of information... It sure would be appreciated.

Please remember that there is no meeting for the month of December. The presentation for the January meeting will be our own Jim Price, K6ZH. He will talk about his and Bud's, N7CW, trip to Peru to operate in the CQ WW CW contest as OC4CW @ the QTH of OA4TT, A.K.A. Jack Henry N6XQ. Prior to the contest Bud and Jim were on the air as OA4/N7CW and OA4/K6ZH – making several thousand Q's.

I would like to hear what you as a club would like to have for presentations. I am pondering having discussion evenings about topics that you would like to learn or teach about a few times throughout the year.

Congratulations to area hams for some mighty fine scores in both the CQ World Wide CW and the ARRL 10 meter Contests! Here the 3830 report on those contests: <http://www.3830scores.com/currecscores.php?arg=UBcfy9zkfcsM3> for CQWW and <http://www.3830scores.com/currecscores.php?arg=rEcgdzKfcygh> for the 10 meter contest.

Also Big Congratulations to Paul Dorey – WN6K! He has achieved every hams dream in getting their children to get licensed. Both his daughter Renee – KK6IGD and his grandson Dylan – KK6IFZ.

They both tested the same day and passed with flying colors, Dylan at the top of the class! Dylan entered his first contest after only having his license for one week. I worked him in the test and he was doing a great job! Now Paul has to worry about getting seat time at his shack for future contests J

It's never too early to mark your calendars for good DX! There is a planned DXpedition to Amsterdam Island early next year. The [FT5ZM](http://www.amsterdamdX.org/) DXpedition from Amsterdam Island for up to 18 days between the dates of January 15 and February 20 of 2014. Landing, set-up, and take down are included in those 18 days. You can read all about it here: <http://www.amsterdamdX.org/> Also the 2014 ARRL Arizona Section Convention held along with the Yuma Hamfest! The dates are February 14-15, 2014 and it will be at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. Admission is still only \$5, what a bargain! It is one of the biggest Hamfests in the Southwest Division and is now going into its tenth year. Grand prizes are already reported to be up \$13,700! www.yumahamfest.org

The League's propagation report shows that the radio waves continue to maintain pretty good SFI numbers and you can read about it here: <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-bulletins-archive/ARLP052/2013> Remember to keep an eye NG3K's detailed list of active operations at this link <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html> You can check the ARRL DX Bulletin here: <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-bulletins-archive/ARLD050/2013> and their Contest Update here: <http://www.arrl.org/contest-update-issues?issue=2013-12-18>

Here's a YouTube link by KN4AQ about "A Ham's Night Before Christmas" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxJpunNf5WI>

Please remember that the club's newsletter is only as good as the information Ron receives, so please take the time to submit any DX related stories, tall tales or musings of a madman (or crazy lady) for his consideration. Thanks Ron for all you do!

Merry Christmas from our home to yours and Here's to a Happy New Year filled with Great DX in 2014!

73 & 88's to the pretty ones ~

Wild Bill, WB6BFG

"To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk" ~ Thomas Edison

Treasurers Report



Secretary's Report (thanks to Dick Kalkofen, K6KAL, for taking the digital recording of notes at the November 27th meeting). I was absent because I work until 6:15pm.

Wild Bill, WB6BFG, opened the meeting at 6:30pm. There was no New Business.

The club's Holiday party will be held at the home of Andre Hansen (K6AH) in Fallbrook on Saturday December 14th from 12-4pm. Directions are in a clickable Google maps link in the newsletter. Food will be provided by Andre & Wild Bill: smoked tri-tip & pulled pork and all the fixin's. Don't forget your wrapped gift exchange item.

Visitors were welcomed: Matt AE6HF.

January meeting will be a presentation by Jim Price, K6ZH, about his recent trip to Peru.

A round table discussion ensued.

Treasurer's Report

89 members – NE6H Norman Hall and AK6ZZ Keith Heimbold accepted as new members.

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Editor's Ramblings

Many thanks this month for inputs received from KK6IFZ, Dylan, N6KI, Dennis, NN3V, Charlie, W6VNR, Joe, W6YA, Jim, and W6YI, Jim. It's always difficult to put out the extra effort and prepare original content, particularly during the busy holiday season, but rest assured that we appreciate your efforts.

These acknowledgements are a good segue into the next topic. Several members have suggested that I scan the bulletins from other clubs, organizations and web sites to obtain material for our bulletin. This is one way to get filler material, but it is contrary to my editorial objective. I believe that in order to make it part of the SDDXC, the bulletin has to be homegrown and thereby be relevant to the membership. This is why I keep pressing you, the members, to provide stories, articles, personal experiences and other local items of interest.

As indicated in the How's DX table on page 7, the good propagation conditions throughout November along with a number of rare and semi-rare DXpeditions, have provided abundant 'DX worked' reports. The only station I did not see reported is H40TA, which is active from Temotu Province. Although I only worked them on 40m CW, they are active on other bands as well. Check your favorite source for near-real time DX spots. They will be active until January 10th.

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays to all. See you in the January pile-ups. I wish many rare and new DXCC entity confirmations for everyone in the new year.

Ron, NORR

CW is not just a mode, it is a way of life

DITs and DAHs

The SDDXC "Top 10 List" is on holiday in December. It will return refreshed and relaxed in January.

Hello SDDXC. Although I am not an official member yet, I want to introduce myself. I am Dylan Thomas and I am 11 years old. On Dec 08, 2013, I received my call from the FCC as a Tech. I attend the Magnet School for Science and Technology here in Vista and my favorite classes are Science and Math. We have an Engineering Club on Fridays where we build robotic vehicles and learn some simple physics principles for some fun science.

The following weekend after receiving my ticket, I got to use my Grandpa's (WN6K) station to play in the ARRL 10m Contest. I think that working my first 19 countries in my 455 contacts, you will hear me (as time allows -homework, cleaning up my room etc.) more and more in contests and hunting down the DX on the bands. "Pepaw" and I are working on the CW at 24 wpm because he says, "...that is where the Real Juicy Stuff is..."

I will be working on my General Class upgrade over the next few months so that I can get more band privileges and keep WN6K out of his chair so I can catch up. We already have plans to be at the DX Convention in Visalia as at least one of the younger licensed attendees. After the school year, I will probably be 'allowed' to stay up later and be able to attend a couple of SDDXC meetings (past my bedtime).

73 from Dylan - KK6IFZ

From W6VNR, (zf2ah)

Spent 9 weeks at my place in Cayman Islands. Operated the WWCQSSB, ARRL 160 and the ARRL 10M contests. The 10 M was a multi-single effort with K9LA and his XYL - AE9YL, had a blast. Fulfilled many JA requests for contacts on 80 SSB while I was there for ZF. Fly fishing in between playing radio was fair. Back to reality now until next trip in Feb 2014.

Best regards,
Joe w6vnr

W6YA CQWW CW score for 10m only
(no internet):

795 QSOs
35 zones
122 countries

For a total of 365,571 points

Is AC4RF in your log?

In 1950 the Chinese invaded Tibet and captured Robert Ford, AC4RF, who had been active for a couple of years on 20m. He was imprisoned in China for nearly 5 years, after which he returned to the UK. He was listed in the December QST as the last among the monthly silent keys. He had an amazing history there, which he described in his book, Wind Between the Worlds. Although out of print, it can be read online at:

<https://archive.org/stream/windbetweenthewo011656mbp#page/n3/mode/2up>

His amazing story has been preserved for the world to remember. AC4RF was probably the most often worked station in Tibet during postwar years, except for Don Miller and Gus Browning trips during the 1960s, which most hams of the era suspect are phony. For information, Google AC4RF.

Jim
W6YA

Poway Hams **need our help!**

Hams in Poway worked diligently this past year to get the Poway City Council to enact a Poway amateur radio ordinance that is compliant with Federal FCC regulations.

At a Poway City Council meeting held on September 3rd, the City Council directed the City planning staff to work with Poway amateurs to develop the ordinance and present it to the City Council for approval.

Poway hams are now working this matter with their counterparts in the City.

The plan now is that the Poway City development department will hold a “City Council Working Group” on Tuesday, February 18th. This will be an open City Council meeting at which the public will be invited to present their opinion about the proposed ordinance.

It is likely a large public attendance will take place.

Poway hams need a large presence of San Diego County hams in Poway supporting their amateur radio cause!

Detailed time and schedule of events will be announced as soon as possible. Announcements will be carried out in newsletters (if known in a timely manner), via emails, web posts, and blogs of ham radio, on repeaters in San Diego County, etc.

Please mark your calendars to be in Poway on Tuesday February 18th. 2014 to support our fellow hams.

If you have any questions, contact me. Cell: [619-368-7617](tel:619-368-7617). Email nn3v@arrl.net

73 de NN3V
Charlie



The California contingent from left to right: N6HD, N7CQQ, N6HC and W6KK



How's DX?

This page consists of historical data so members can share information or brag about their accomplishments. For real time info, monitor the club 2m spotting frequency, 144.415 MHz. For future DX info subscribe to the ARRL weekly DX bulletin and/or W3UR's newsletter.

DX worked by SDDXC members during late November and December

Station	Band	Date	Time	By	Station	Band	Date	Time	By
3B9FR	10 CW	15-Nov	1452	W6YA	OD5ZZ	17 SSB	19-Dec	1605	W6YI
3DA0ET	12-20+80	26-Nov	Varied	WB6BFG	OF9X	40 CW	20-Dec	0318	WB6BFG
3W1T	10 LP	14-Dec	1423	W6YA	OP4A	40 CW	27-Nov	0508	WB6BFG
3W1T	10 CW	17-Dec	1513 LP	W6YI	S21ZBC	80-40, 20-10	Many	Many	W6YA
4U1ITU	12 RTTY	30-Nov	1526	WB6BFG	S57DX*	160 CW	22-Dec	0041	W6YI
50+Euros	10 SSB	14-Dec	14-1630	W6YI	SU9VB	10 CW	15-Nov	1514	W6YA
5R8IC	15-20 RTTY	26-Nov	Varied	WB6BFG	T30KN	15 RTTY	3-Dec	0000	WB6BFG
5V7TH	12-20 RTTY	26-Nov	Varied	WB6BFG	T30TS	20 RTTY	1-Dec	0206	WB6BFG
5W8A	12 CW RTTY	30-Nov	Varied	WB6BFG	TR8CA	10-12	19-Dec	Varied	WB6BFG
9A4M	80 CW	22-Dec	0118	W6YI	VQ9JC	30	17-Dec	1445	W6YA
9A5W*	160 CW	22-Dec	0040	W6YI	VQ9JC	30 CW	17-Dec	1454 LP	W6YI
9X0NH	30	21-Nov	0245	W6YA	VU7AG	20 CW SSB	27-Nov	Varied	WB6BFG
9X0ZM	15 RTTY	28-Nov	1948	WB6BFG	VU7AG	17-40 CW	11/22-12/6	0100	W6YI
A92IO	40 CW	26-Nov	1413 LP	W6YI	VU7AG	40 thru 15	Many	Many	W6YA
C91B	15 SSB	17-Dec	1956	WB6BFG	XV2LRR	30 CW	2-Dec	1715	WB6BFG
D4C	10 SSB	14-Dec	1427	W6YI	XZ1J	15-40	23-Nov	Varied	WB6BFG
FH8PL	40 SSB	27-Nov	0411	WB6BFG	XZ1J	40 thru 10	Many	Many	W6YA
GI100RSGB	12 CW	20-Dec	1642	WB6BFG	YB0NFL	12 RTTY	1-Dec	0009	WB6BFG
HZ0ZEE	80 CW	4-Dec	1409	W6YI	Z81X	80 thru 10	Many	Many	W6YA
J88HL	10-80	27-Nov	Varied	WB6BFG	Z81X	80,12,10CW	Nov	gray line	W6YI
JW9JKA	40 SSB	30-Nov	0104	W6YI	ZS9MADIBA	12 CW RTTY	19-Dec	Varied	WB6BFG

* First time hearing Europe at sunset on 160m. Signals lasted about 4 minutes from 0040 to 0044Z

CHECK YOUR LOGS

It's time once again to recognize those of you who have made outstanding DX achievements during the year. Please check your logs and let me know if you worked your 331st current country or more than 20 all time new countries during 2012. Send your totals to: k6am@arrl.net.

A note from W6YA — 15 and 10m Long Path propagation has been good at times in the morning during the last month. VU, S21ZBC, XZ1J, VU7AG, 3W1T have all been worked on one or both of these bands via this rare path. 3W1T has been a regular 10m LP station following the 10m contest, showing around 1415-1500z. The path to VU typically comes about an hour later, and sometimes is open while SP to Europe is wide open.

Last January there were morning LP openings on 10m and 12m into the Middle East (A45, A6, A9) and India. We are in that season now, as long as the SFI and SSN remain high and the K is 0 or 1. Since we have apparently passed the second peak of this cycle, this may be our last chance to enjoy this unusual path again for many years.

Contesting in the digital age at NX6T



2013 CQWW CW Contest



Recognize any of these ace operators?

They probably sit close by at the club meetings.

2014 Arizona Section Convention

10th Annual

Yuma Hamfest

Yuma, Arizona

Feb. 14 & 15, 2014

Yuma County Fairgrounds
2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona



www.yumahamfest.org

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Buzzard BBQ & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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**Vendors & Exhibitors
Consignment Sales
License Testing
Hourly Door Prizes
On-site RV Camping
Famous Buzzard BBQ
ARRL Speaker
Transmitter Hunt
\$5.00 Admission**

**Tailgating (Swap Meet)
Full Seminar Schedule
DXCC Card Checking
Incredible Grand Prizes
Emergency Preparedness
Admission Prize
Hospitality Area
“Near Space” Balloon Launch
Antenna Clinic**

Hamfest Talk-In Frequency: 146.840 (–) PL 88.5 Hz

Email Contact: ***info@yumahamfest.org***



We are proud to have the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) as a sponsor of our event.

The Yuma Hamfest is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sanctioned event.



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